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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated February 3, 2000, and request that the fee of \$870.00 be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 3, 2000